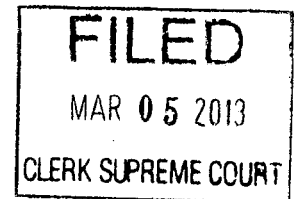


In the Supreme Court of Iowa

**In the Matter of Amendments to)
the Rules of Appellate Procedure)
and the Organization and)
Procedures of Appellate)
Courts in Chapters 6 and 21)
of the Iowa Court Rules)**

Order



The Iowa Supreme Court, after consideration of public comments and careful review, has approved amendments to the Rules of Appellate Procedure contained in Chapter 6 of the Iowa Court Rules and a complete rescission and rewrite of the rules governing the Organization and Procedures of Appellate Courts contained in Chapter 21 of the Iowa Court Rules.

Amendments to the Rules of Appellate Procedure contained in Chapter 6 of the Iowa Court Rules include:

1. Putting the burden on the filer to ensure the filer protects confidential information.
2. In termination-of-parental-rights and child-in-need-of-assistance cases, expanding the page limits for petitions and responses.
3. Stating that if a party files a notice of appeal and the court deems the appeal interlocutory, the court will not refund any part of the filing fee.
4. Clarifying the procedure a party must follow to file a statement of evidence.
5. Clarifying the acceptable typefaces a party may use in a brief.
6. Setting forth the requirements an attorney must comply with when filling a motion to withdraw under rule 6.1005.
7. Restating the circumstances when the supreme court will grant further review.
8. Stating the requirements and form of the application a party must use when requesting further review, including that the application must

contain a concise statement of the questions presented for review and the reasons why the case warrants further review.

The court rescinds Chapter 21 of the Iowa Court Rules, Organization and Procedures of Appellate Courts, in its entirety and replaces it with a new chapter 21 that better reflects the present operating procedures of the appellate courts. The new chapter 21 includes appellate court procedures for posting opinions on the Internet and explains which version of a supreme court opinion is considered the controlling version.

The amendments to chapter 6 and the rewrite of chapter 21 are attached to this order.

The amendments to the Rules of Appellate Procedure contained in Chapter 6 of the Iowa Court Rules and the complete rescission and rewrite of the rules governing the Organization and Procedures of Appellate Courts contained Chapter 21 of the Iowa Court Rules shall **take effect May 3, 2013**.

Dated this 5th day of March, 2013.

The Supreme Court of Iowa

By



Mark S. Cady, Chief Justice